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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR ICE THOMAS WENDLING AND LEE MITCHELL TO ESCORT DEPORTEE CHETRAM SINGH TO GEORGETOWN, GUYANA.

REF: HQ DRO WASHDC 101311Z MAR 06

1. Post welcomes Thomas Wendling and Lee Mitchell and grants country clearance to escort Chetram Singh on 03/27/2006 for criminal alien removal to Georgetown, Guyana.

2. Guyanese Immigration officials will meet and assist at Cheddi Jagan International Airport. NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED.

Due to security considerations, Embassy personnel utilize official Embassy transportation when traveling to and from the international airport between the hours of 6:00 pm - 6:00 am.

Please note that the RSO Office requires a ten (10) day notice in order to provide notification to all Guyanese Government departments involved. Without this notification RSO cannot insure a smooth transition of deportees.

3. The control officer is Brandon Lee, Regional Security Officer. The RSO can be contacted on 592-225-4900 ext. 245 (Embassy), or 592-623-9779 (cell). Outside of normal business hours, the Embassy Duty Officer can be reached on 592-226-2614, 226-8298 or 227-7869. The Embassy's business hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Embassy is closed on local and American holidays.

4. Travelers are advised to bring a sufficient amount of cash or travelers checks to cover expenses while here. The Embassy will cash personal checks for a limited amount. The hotel will accept VISA, Diners and American Express credit cards. Some restaurants will also accept credit cards, but most businesses do not.

5. U.S. Passport holders (including Diplomatic, Official and Service passports) no longer require a Guyanese visa to visit Guyana.

6. Threat assessment: Visitors are reminded that crime is a problem in Georgetown, especially at night in major business and shopping districts. Pick pocketing and robbery are common in Georgetown. Foreigners may be perceived as wealthy individuals, which make them targets for robbery, theft and kidnapping for ransom. In addition, Guyana has suffered from occasional political and labor unrest. Although such demonstrations are not directed at U.S. citizens, we advise visitors to be vigilant to changes in the security situation and to maintain a low profile.

7. Official visitors are required to receive a security briefing from the RSO shortly after arrival at post if their stay is longer than 24 hours. Please note that official travelers on temporary duty, including non-state personnel, must coordinate the transport of official unclassified portable computers that will be used within USG controlled access facilities with the RSO and ISSO. Travel advisories for Guyana can be found at www.state.gov.

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